St Nicholas eBulletin

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Friday 27th November 2026

Message from Miss Gupta & Miss Stanger

Last Saturday, we had our lovely Christmas fair, which had plenty of things to do and see including meeting Santa and getting your presents! We had a snowman theme and a great big igloo for kids to hang out in. There was also a gingerbread house for younger kids to go inside and colour in pictures. We also had food such as popcorn, chocolate snow men and cupcakes. All the year sixes made amazing games which were open to everyone who wanted to play. They were very creative and were so much fun to play. We were very lucky to have lots of donations for the teddy tombola. Thank you to everyone who donated and took part in the Christmas fair. A special thank you to the grotto team: Mrs Gupta, Mrs Stanger, Mrs Dye and Mrs Van Aardt.



Just a gentle reminder that all children should be wearing full winter uniform. We will be carrying out uniform checks next week. Our uniform policy is available on the school website.
https://www.stnicholasce.org/policies-2
Please also ensure hair bands are in school colours: green, black, brown or white. We look forward to seeing the children looking smart.

Core Values



Upcoming Events

Carol Service—Monday 7th December

Children in Emerald, Sapphire and Diamond classes will be singing carols at St Nicholas Church on Monday 7th December at 6.00pm.

Please use the link below to confirm if you child/children are able/unable to attend the Carol service by **Wednesday 2nd December** if you have not done so already.

https://forms.gle/eFEYRKfvACEd3abL9

Dates

30th Nov—Year 5/6 Netball Match at The Lea Primary School 3.30pm
2nd Dec—Sapphire Class Viking Workshop
4th Dec—KS 2 Piano Recital at St Nicholas Church 5-6pm
7th Dec—Emerald, Sapphire and Diamond class Carol Service at St Nicholas Church 6pm
9th Dec—Nativity performance to Garnet class parents 9.15am
10th Dec—Nativity performance to Topaz class parents 9.15am
11th Dec—Talent Show 1pm
16th Dec—Christmas Jumper Day
16th Dec—Christmas Lunch & Parties
16th Dec—KS1 Piano Recital at St Nicholas School 10-10.45am
17th Dec—End of term service in St Nicholas Church all classes attending 9.05am
17th Dec—End of Term school finishes at 1.15pm
4th Jan—INSET Day—No children attending school
5th Jan—Term begins
13th Jan—Open Day for Reception Intake September 2027 9.30am

https://www.stnicholasce.org/diary/grid/2025/01/

This half term we are learning about:

Compassion

Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility and patience.

Colossians 3:12



Primary Maths Challenge:



We are delighted to celebrate the achievements of all the children who took part in the Primary Maths Challenge 2026. Your hard work, enthusiasm, and dedication truly shine through.

Gold Award Certificate: Amelia DM, Alex J-M, Dash, Ella, Isla S

Silver Award Certificate: Elicia, Jack S, Olivia A, Oscar, Riley, Zidan

Bronze Award Certificate: Connie, Gwynn, Michaela – Xan, Nicholas

A huge thank you to every participant for your commitment and positive attitude. You have shown that learning can be both challenging and rewarding, and we are incredibly proud of you all!

Awards: Stars of the week:



Diamond: Cecilia for working hard to write an amazing cinquain poem. Isla S for working hard in all areas of the curriculum.

Sapphire: Olivia and Michaela-Xan thinking scientifically and making valuable contributions to class discussions in Science.

Emerald: Clara and Indigo for participating enthusiastically in science investigations, making scientific contributions to class discussions.

Topaz: Cassian for working hard in Maths and always putting his hand up to answer questions. Victoria for learning her lines for the nativity and delivering them with excellent expression.

Garnet: Jasper for his excellent focus in Maths lessons. Theo for engaging with all his work and doing extra writing in choosing time.

Good Citizens' Award:



Diamond: Izan for being brave to speak up and supporting younger children.

Extra Curricular Achievements:



Congratulations to Amelia D M, Nicholas and Alexis for passing their Piano exams.

Prayer:

Gracious God,
Fill my heart with compassion today.
Open my eyes to see others as You see them,
and open my ears to hear those who are
hurting or carrying quiet burdens.
Help me respond with patience, kindness, and grace.
Guide my words and actions so I can comfort those in need
and extend that same gentleness to myself.
Amen.



Year 6 Christmas Fair Games Grand Designs:

On Saturday, it was the Christmas Fair. There were lots of things to do which included the Year 6 games. There were lots of different games to play, we had bowling, basketball, a matching game and many more.

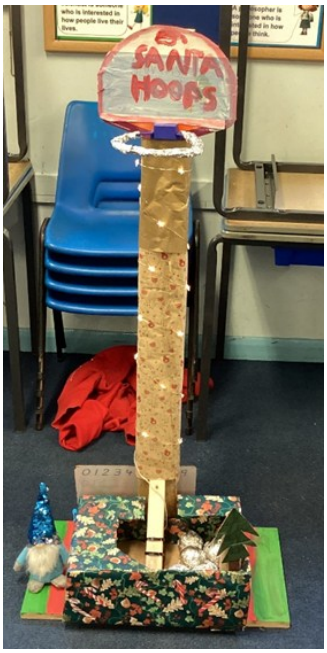
We all really enjoyed making our games. We hope you enjoyed playing them! By Year 6















Christmas Designs:

Your child's Christmas card design is now available on the My Child's Art parent portal for you to view and place any orders. Please use this link and enter the school's details to access the portal. The school PTA will receive a 20% commission on all orders placed so you will also be helping raise funds for the school with every order made.

https://mychildsart.co.uk/find-artwork?username=StNicholas21&access-code=fvmmwr5b

If you wish to ensure you will receive your order in time for the Christmas post deadlines you will need to complete your order by **Monday 30th November.**

If you need any assistance with your order, please call 01530 887650 or email My Childs Art directly: customerservice@mychildsart.co.uk

Thank you for your continued support.

Best wishes

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St Nicholas Mothers' Union Travelling Crib:

The St Nicholas Mothers' Union Travelling Crib will be making its way around the Parish, stopping at a new home each night, from Advent Sunday, 29th November, until Christmas Eve.

If you would like the child-friendly, knitted Mary, Joseph and Donkey to rest for a night in your home. All ages/groups are welcome to host. There is still some availability for dates in December.

Please see the poster for contact details.



Christmas Services at St Nicholas Church:

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Christmas 2026 at St Nicholas Church

We warmly welcome you to join us

We offer traditional Christmas services, informal family-friendly worship, carol singing...or a quiet space to reflect by candlelight.
We hope you find something to feed your soul.

Services and Events	Date	Time
Advent Carol Service	Sunday 29 Nov	6.30pm
Compline by Candlelight	Thurs 3, 10, 17 & Tues 22 Dec	8pm
Soup and Carols	Fri 4, 11, 18 Dec	1pm
St Nicholas' Day Service	Sunday 6 Dec	9.30am
Christingle Service*	Sunday 6 Dec	4.30pm
Outdoor Carols with Harpenden Band*	Sat 12 & 19 Dec	10.30am-12noon
Blue Christmas *(a quieter service for those who find this time difficult...)*	Sat 19 Dec	2pm
Morning Praise for Christmastime*	Sunday 20 Dec	10.30am
Christmas Carol Service	Sunday 20 Dec	6.30pm
Visit the Crib, with Outdoor Carols*	Thurs 24 Dec	10.30am-12noon
Christmas Crib Service*	Thurs 24 Dec	3pm
Christmas Crib Service*	Thurs 24 Dec	5pm
Midnight Mass	Thurs 24 Dec	11pm
Holy Communion with Carols	Fri 25 Dec	8am
Sung Eucharist with Carols	Fri 25 Dec	9.30am
Christmas Day Morning Praise*	Fri 25 Dec	11.30am

*Everyone is welcome at all our services and events, and those marked with a * are particularly suitable for those with small children.*
See our website www.parishofharpenden.org for more details.